(e) Foreign nationals residing in India under valid visa.

(£) Persons returning to India on transfer of residence basis.

(g) Retired defence personnel within one year of their retirement.

(h.) Any person who has booked his LPG connection more than 7 years ago.

The main features of the scheme are as under:—

(i) The Tatkal connection shall be released against one time payment of non-refundable lump/sum amount of Rs. 5000/- besides payment of normal|applicable security deposit for loaned equipment as applicable for domestic consumers.

;ii) The Tatkal connection will be issued in the name of individual only.

(iii) The Tatkal connection will be released with DEC.

(iv) A total of 10 per cent of annual industry allocation for release of new connections will be allocated for Tatkal connections.

(d) It is too early to know the reaction of she common man to the scheme.

Subsidies on Petroleum Products in Hilly Areas

3710. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that subsidies on petroleum products such as LPG. Kerosene, HSD are given in the hilly areas;

(b) if so, what is the definition of hilly areas and the product-wise subsidy grained; and

(c) whether Government propose to withdraw this scheme and intro. duce a new scheme, identifyng the hilly area on the basis of height from sea level?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA); (a) LPG & SKO are subsidised products. There is also a freight subsidy on Sale of LPG (domestic) and SKO in hilly areas, (b) Hilly areas are as identified by the Planning Commission. The estimated subsidy for the year 1994-95 in respect of LPG (domestic) and SKO inclusive of hilly areas is estimated as under.

	Rs./Crores
LPG	1410
SKO	3740

(c) There is no such proposal at present.

Expansion of Hazira Complex

3711. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARI-BHAl SHUKLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the union Government have cleared the proposal for expansion of Hazira complex;

(b) if not. the reasons for delay and by when it is likely to be cleared: and

(c) the total expenditure involved in the expansion of Hazira complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The Government have approved the expansion of Hazira Terminal at an estimated cost of about Rs. 953 crores.